

Nong Zhuang language

Nong Zhuang (Chinese: 侬壮语) is a Tai language spoken in Wenshan Prefecture, Yunnan, China. In Wenshan Prefecture, it is spoken in Yanshan, Guangnan, Wenshan, Maguan, Funing, Xichou, and Malipo counties, and also in Honghe Prefecture and Vietnam. The heaviest concentrations relative to other Zhuang groups are in Xichou (96% of total Zhuang population) and Malipo (90% of total Zhuang population) counties (Johnson 2011a:43).

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Names

Below are various names (both autonyms and exonyms) for the Nong Zhuang people (Johnson 2011a:43).

- pu Nong (濮侬)
- p^hu˧˥ nɔŋ˧˥*[ⓘ], *p^hu˧˥ nɔŋ˧˥*[ⓘ]
- Nongzu (侬族) or Nongren (侬人)
- Long (龙)
- bu Tei
- Bendi (Chinese: 本地 'indigenous')

Subdivisions

Johnson (2011a) gives the following subdivisions for the Nong Zhuang peoples.

- Dao Nong** (道侬), or Nong Dau (*nɔŋ˧˥ ta˧˥*[ⓘ]): Guangnan County
- Niang Nong** (仰侬), or Nong Nyeng (*nɔŋ˧˥ nɛŋ˧˥*[ⓘ]); also called the "Green Nong" (青侬): along the Chouyang River (畴阳河) in Xichou and Malipo counties.
- Du Nong** (赌侬), or Nong Du (*nɔŋ˧˥ tu˧˥*[ⓘ]): along the Duzhou River (赌咒河) in Maguan County.

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<i>Kauqnuangz</i> , <i>Kauqnoangz</i> , <i>Kauqraeuz</i>	
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Geographic distribution of Nong Zhuang	
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Native to	China
Region	Wenshan Prefecture
Native speakers	500,000 (2008) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Kra–Dai<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tai<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central Tai<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nong Zhuang</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	zhn
Glottolog	nong1247 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nong1247) ^[2]

- **Ting Nong (厅侬)**: along the Puting River (普厅河) in central Funing County (Xinghua 兴华, Banlun 板仑 and Guichao 皈朝 Townships)
- **Jin Nong (锦侬)**, or Nong Jing (*nɔŋ t̚ tɕiŋ t̚*); also called the "Upper Nong" (上方侬): northeastern Wenshan County and Yanshan County.

A variety of Nong Zhuang known as **Ao 傲** (autonym: **Genluo 良雒**) is spoken by 58 people (as of 1960) in Banlun 板仑, Funing County (You 2013:291; Yunnan 1979).^{[3][4]}

Pyang Zhuang (or **Fuping Zhuang 扶平壮**), a Central Tai language variety closely related to Nong Zhuang, is spoken in Fuping Township 扶平乡, Debao County, Guangxi.^[5]

See also

- Nung language (Tai)

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